



SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions 2016 Maryland General Assembly Session

**January 27, 2016
Schedule 10**

PLEASE NOTE: February 5 – Bill introduction deadline.

All bills should be given to the Secretary of the Senate's office by 5:00 P.M. on Monday, February 8.

As required by Senate Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the Senate Rules Committee.

SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED January 27, 2016

SB 316 **Senator McFadden**

**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – ULMAN
CANCER FUND HOME FOR YOUNG ADULT CANCER PATIENTS AND
CAREGIVERS**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of The Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Ulman Cancer Fund Home for Young Adult Cancer Patients and Caregivers, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

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SB 317 Senator Kelley, et al**COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR JUVENILE SERVICES
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS – MEMBERSHIP**

Altering the membership of the Coordinating Council for Juvenile Services Educational Programs; providing for the terms of office of the appointed members of the Coordinating Council; terminating on December 31, 2016, the term of the member of the Coordinating Council who is a county superintendent of schools; providing that the terms of specified appointed and ex officio members of the Coordinating Council shall begin on January 1, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

ED, § 22-305 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 318 Senator Ferguson, et al**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HEADS OF MODAL
ADMINISTRATIONS – SENATE CONFIRMATION**

Requiring the appointments of the Executive Director of the Maryland Aviation Administration, the Executive Director of the Maryland Port Administration, the Maryland Transit Administrator, the State Highway Administrator, and the Motor Vehicle Administrator to be subject to the advice and consent of the Senate; and providing for the appointment of the Executive Director of the Maryland Transportation Authority.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

TR, §§ 4-203, 5-201.1(c), 6-201.1(b), 7-202(a), 8-202(a), and 12-102(a) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 319 Senator DeGrange**STATE LOTTERY – LICENSED AGENTS – COMMISSIONS**

Increasing the commissions from 5.5% to 6% that specified licensed agents receive from specified lottery ticket sales.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SG, § 9-117(a)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 320 Senators Astle and DeGrange**TOBACCO TAX – PREMIUM CIGARS – RATE**

Altering the tobacco tax rate on premium cigars from 15% to 7.5%; and providing for the termination of the Act after 5 years.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TG, § 12-105(b) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 321 Senator Peters (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – BOARD OF TRUSTEES – DESIGNEE APPOINTMENTS AND FIDUCIARY DUTIES**

Authorizing the Secretary of Budget and Management, the State Comptroller, and the State Treasurer to appoint specified individuals to serve as designees on the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System; and altering a specified defined term to provide for specified fiduciary duties of members of specified committees established by the Board.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SP, §§ 21-104(a) and 21-201(b) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 322 Senator Pinsky, et al**HOMEOWNERS' PROPERTY TAX CREDIT PROGRAM – ELIGIBILITY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN**

Requiring, on or before May 1 of each year, the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to provide the Comptroller information identifying specified residential property owners who failed to claim the homeowners' property tax credit; requiring the Comptroller to review specified information and identify individuals who may be eligible for but failed to claim the credit; requiring the Comptroller to provide the Department the contact information of those individuals who may be eligible for the credit; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

TP, § 9-104(w) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 323 Senator Pinsky, et al**GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS REDUCTION ACT –
REAUTHORIZATION**

Repealing the termination date for a provision of law requiring the State to reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions by 25% from 2006 levels by 2020; requiring the State to reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions by 40% from 2006 levels by 2030; requiring the Department of the Environment to submit specified plans in accordance with specified requirements to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before specified dates; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

Ch. 171 of the Acts of 2009, § 7, Ch. 172 of the Acts of 2009, § 7, EN, Various Sections - amended, and EN, § 2-1204.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 324 Senator Miller, et al**PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER ACT OF
2016**

Requiring that in specified fiscal years specified amounts be provided as an operating grant to the Board of Directors of the University of Maryland Medical System to be used to support the transition of the Prince George’s County Regional Medical Center to operation as a participating Institution of the University of Maryland Medical System; requiring that State and Prince George’s County funds be used only for access to critical health care services in a specified region of the State; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

HG, § 19-2401 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 325 Senator Kelley, et al**JUVENILE SERVICES EDUCATION – MODIFICATIONS**

Requiring county boards of education and the State to provide a specified amount to the State Department of Education for specified individuals receiving education services at specified facilities; requiring that teachers and other professional personnel providing educational services at specified facilities be paid an annual salary that is at least equal to the average annual salary of teachers and other professional personnel in the county that provides the highest average annual salary; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

ED, §§ 6-302, 22-301, 22-303, 22-306.1, 22-307, 22-309, and 22-310 - amended and § 22-306.2 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation and Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 326 Senator Currie, et al**MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS – CERTIFICATES OF CANDIDACY – PROOF OF FILING**

Requiring a municipality to provide an individual who is filing a certificate of candidacy to become a candidate in a municipal election with proof of the time and date the certificate was filed.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

LG, § 4-108.4 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 327 Senator Simonaire**NATURAL RESOURCES POLICE – CONDITIONS OF SENTENCING, PROBATION, PAROLE, OR MANDATORY RELEASE SUPERVISION – DATABASE**

Requiring the Maryland Judiciary to notify the Department of Natural Resources of any person who is subject to a condition of sentencing or probation that specifically prohibits the person from engaging in any identified activity on the waters of the State or any recreational or commercial hunting or fishing activity; requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to notify the Department of Natural Resources of any person who is subject to specified terms of parole or mandatory release supervision; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

NR, § 1-211 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings and Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 328 Senator Conway**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – PARTIAL EXPUNGEMENT**

Authorizing a person to file a petition for a partial expungement of specified criminal records under specified circumstances; requiring a court to order that specified records may not be included on a specified Web site or within specified records; repealing a provision of law establishing that if a person is not entitled to expungement of one charge or conviction in a specified unit the person is not entitled to expungement of any other charge or conviction in the unit; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CP, § 10-105 - amended and § 10-107 - repealed

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 329 Senator Conway**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – NONVIOLENT FELONIES – STET, SHIELDING, AND EXPUNGEMENT**

Requiring a court to dispose of a charge for a nonviolent felony by stet if the court finds that the disposition is in the interest of justice; authorizing a person to file a petition to shield a conviction for a nonviolent felony in accordance with specified provisions of law no earlier than 3 years after the person satisfies specified requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CP, §§ 10-401 through 10-404 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 330 Senator Conway**RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY – FORECLOSURE SALE – RECORDATION OF INSTRUMENT OF WRITING**

Requiring a secured party to record an instrument of writing transferring residential property by the later of 30 days after the entry of a court order ratifying a foreclosure sale of the residential property or 30 days after the entry of a court order resolving a specified motion; providing that no transfer tax may be assessed on a secured party that records an instrument of writing transferring residential property within 20 days after the entry of the court order ratifying the foreclosure sale of the property; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

RP, § 7-105.12 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 331 Senator Conway**ELECTION LAW – EARLY VOTING – REGISTERED VOTER UPDATING THE VOTER'S ADDRESS ON AN EXISTING REGISTRATION**

Altering a specified provision of the election law concerning a registered voter updating the voter's address during early voting to conform to other provisions of the election law applicable to a registered voter updating the voter's address and voting; repealing the requirement that a registered voter updating the voter's address on an existing registration during early voting must provide proof of residency; making the Act an emergency measure; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

EL, § 3-305 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 332 Senator Conway**UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND – CHANCELLOR – APPOINTMENT**

Subjecting the appointment of the Chancellor of the University System of Maryland to the advice and consent of the General Assembly; and making the Act an emergency measure.

EMERGENCY BILL

ED, § 12-108(a)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 333 Senator Nathan–Pulliam, et al**PUBLIC HEALTH – RESTAURANTS – MEALS FOR CHILDREN**

Limiting the types of beverages that a restaurant may include in the price of a children's menu of meal options or a meal that is represented as a child's meal; and authorizing a restaurant to offer specified beverages to minors for a charge.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HG, § 21-304.3 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 334 Senator Kelley, et al**HEALTH INSURANCE – ACCESS TO ACCURATE PROVIDER DIRECTORIES**

Prohibiting a carrier from issuing or delivering a health benefit plan in the State before a provider directory for the health benefit plan is submitted to and approved by the Maryland Insurance Commissioner; requiring a carrier to submit a specified provider directory on a specified basis for review and reapproval by the Commissioner; establishing specified requirements for a specified provider directory; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

IN, §§ 15-2001 through 15-2006 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 335 Senator Kelley, et al**HEALTH INSURANCE – ASSIGNMENT OF BENEFITS AND REIMBURSEMENT OF NONPREFERRED PROVIDERS – MODIFICATIONS**

Making specified provisions of law relating to the assignment of benefits and the reimbursement of nonpreferred providers who are physicians applicable to other specified health care practitioners; altering the circumstances under which a provision for an insured to pay a balance bill may not apply; repealing the requirements that an assignment of benefits be obtained and that an insurer be notified for specified provisions of law to apply; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

IN, §§ 14-201, 14-205, 14-205.2, and 14-205.3 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 336 Senator Kelley, et al**HOSPITALS – DESIGNATION OF LAY CAREGIVERS**

Requiring a hospital to provide a patient or the legal guardian of a patient with an opportunity to designate a lay caregiver before the patient is discharged from the hospital; requiring a hospital to document the decision to not designate a lay caregiver by a patient or the legal guardian of a patient in the patient's medical record; requiring a hospital to request consent from a patient or the legal guardian of a patient to release medical information to a lay caregiver; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HG, §§ 19-380 through 19-385 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 337 Senator King, et al**LIBRARIES – REGIONAL, STATE, AND COUNTY – FUNDING**

Altering the calculation of specified funding for each participating regional resource center, the State Library Resource Center, and each county public library system for specified fiscal years.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

ED, §§ 23-205 and 23-503 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation and Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 338 Senator King, et al**TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE PLACEMENT OF LIBRARY SERVICES WITHIN THE EDUCATION ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND**

Establishing the Task Force to Study the Placement of Library Services Within the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding where library services should be located within the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2016; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 339 **Senator King, et al**

HIGHER EDUCATION – COMMUNITY COLLEGES – FUNDING

Altering the calculation of the required funding amount for community colleges including the Baltimore City Community College in specified fiscal years.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

ED, §§ 16-305(c)(1)(i) and 16-512(a)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation and Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs